

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Control Committee held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 8 April 2008

Present: Councillors:
A W J Reed (Chairman)
Mrs H E Parr (Vice Chairman)

D G Button
G P Chamberlain
I R Chubb
T A Cope
A E J Dinnis
R G Franklin
K W George
M J L Green
S Hall
Mrs S C J Jones
D R A Key
Mrs A E Liverton
J M Williamson

Ward Members: Councillors:
P N Bowden
R Bloxham
G S Godbeer
D R H Hull
K C Potter
P J Skinner

Also Present: G P Brown

Officers: Ed Freeman, Principal Planning Officer
Rod Harrington, Senior Planning Officer
Christopher Holland, Democratic Services Officer
Peter Jeffs, Corporate Director
Kate Little, Head of Planning and Countryside Services
John Maidment, Policy and Conservation Manager
Andrew Seddon, Senior Solicitor

Apologies: Councillors:
M Florey
A R Giles
Mrs P A Graham
C Tratt
Mrs E E Wragg

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 5.00 pm

***75 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 11 March 2008, were agreed and signed as a true record.

*76 **Appeals**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Head Planning and Countryside Services setting out appeals recently lodged and recent appeal decisions notified.

*76 **Applications determined under delegated powers**

The Committee received and noted the Schedule of Applications for Planning Permission which had been determined under delegated powers (Schedule 12 – 2007/2008 refers).

*77 **Seaton Design Statement**

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Policy and Conservation Manager which explained the position with regards to the Seaton Design Statement, a Community Planning Initiative. Members noted that the Seaton Design Statement Group had produced and consulted upon a draft Town Design Statement which was being finalised. The draft and summary of the public consultation responses had been available in the Members' Area for information prior to the meeting. It was anticipated that the final version of the Design Statement would be submitted to the Committee for consideration in May.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted

*78 **East Devon Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document - Issues and Options Report**

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Policy and Conservation Manager regarding the East Devon Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document - Issues and Options Report. Members noted that there was a requirement for the Council to allocate sufficient new sites for Gypsies and Travellers in a Development Plan Document. The Council was also required to demonstrate which sites were suitable and that there was a realistic likelihood that sites allocated for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation would be available for that purpose. Evidence of need had to be established by a quantitative and qualitative survey (The Devon-wide Gypsy and Traveller Housing Needs Assessment) and this had shown that there was no reasonable alternative to site provision.

It was noted that the purpose of the report was to allow consideration of all the practical options available for site provision for Gypsies and Travellers in East Devon. It included the need to review existing temporary sites as well as inviting the submission of further possible sites. Consultation would last for six weeks.

RESOLVED: that the East Devon Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document Issues and Options Report be issued for public consultation

*79 **Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination**

RESOLVED: that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 12 – 2007/2008

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Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination (cont'd)

The following declarations of interest were made during this item:

Councillor / Officer	Ref. App. Address	Type of interest (action taken)	Nature of interest
Mrs H E Parr	08/0632/TCA Colyton house, Vicarage Street, Colyton	Personal & Prejudicial Interest (withdrew from Chamber)	Applicant
D G Button	08/0571/LBC Kennicotts, Broadclyst	Personal & Prejudicial Interest (withdrew from Chamber)	Applicant

Chairman

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